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SUBJECT: TFVE01: TASK FORCE FORMATION TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

1. At 1600 EDT on Saturday, April 13, 2002, the Executive Secretary directed that a Task Force be established in the Operations Center to deal with the situation in Venezuela.

2. Contact information for the Task Force is as follows:

For internal State Department business or other official business, call (202) 647-6530/6531/6532.

Congressional, public, and media inquiries should be directed to (202) 647-0900. [NOTE: This is the only, repeat only, number that should be given out to the press or the general public. END NOTE.]

Unclass fax is (202) 647-6779.

Task Force secure telephone numbers are: STU-III (202) 647-8373; STU-III fax: (202) 647-0764.

The internet email address for the Task Force is 'TaskForce3@State.gov'.

Department of State personnel may email the Task Force at the 'Task Force 3' email collective address on both the classified and unclassified email systems.

3. The Task Force is under the direction of Deputy Assistant Secretary Curt Struble of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. The Task Force includes representatives of the following bureaus and offices: CA and PM.

4. The Task Force is the center of all Department activity concerned with this situation. All reporting related to the Task Force should include the indicator which appears at the beginning of the subject line of this message:

- TFVE01; rpt TFVE01.

5. Caracas should take the following actions immediately:

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(a) The Department is in the process of establishing, or has established, a 24-hour open telephone line between Caracas and the Task Force. This line should be monitored at all times. (NOTE: if post needs to establish or reestablish this line, call the Operations Center at (202) 647-1512. ENDNOTE.)

(b) By return IMMEDIATE cable, please provide the office and residence telephone numbers of all country team members and other key officers who will have action responsibilities during this crisis. Cable should also include the telephone numbers and location of all secure voice assets locally available which can be used for immediate secure voice communications.

(c) Please start a single, comprehensive log of all significant events and action items. The log should be especially attentive to reporting and information passed via secure and non-secure voice. Log should be forwarded to S/ES at the conclusion of the Task Force.

(d) Please prepare a daily situation report (sitrep) to be submitted by 1500 EST/EDT for as long as the Task Force is in operation.

(e) Please review post Emergency Action Plan.

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